

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:) Confirmation No.: 3205
Hajime KIMURA) Group Art Unit: 2629
Serial No.: 10/822,848) Examiner: Ke Xiao
Filed: April 13, 2004)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
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AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed June 16, 2010, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to October 16, 2010. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 13, 2004; June 11, 2008; and March 9, 2009.

Claims 1-127, 129 and 130 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1-7, 100 and 101 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action rejects claims 1-61, 68-127, 129 and 130 as obvious based on the combination of Japanese Application No. 11-125841 to Chiyou and U.S. Patent No. 7,196,699 to Kubota. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the Official Action has not made a *prima facie* case of obviousness.